

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
14010 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Lana Mook, Vice Mayor Joe Ramirez, Councilor Roy Delgado, Councilor David Shapera Councilor Jim McPhetres, Councilor Jack Palladino, Councilor Lynn Selby.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lana Mook at 6:00 p.m.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on a matter that IS NOT on this agenda may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual City Council Members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken; (2) direct staff to review or respond to the matter; and (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

No comment cards were received.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

1. Consideration and action approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, September 3, 2013. (City Clerk)
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as determined by the State of Arizona and/or the City of El Mirage. (City Clerk)

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 2 as presented; seconded by Councilor Palladino. Motion carried unanimously.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Consideration and action to approve purchase of two Police administrative vehicles. (Police)

Assistant Police Chief Terry McDonald presented this item describing the need and resulting benefits noting the item was budgeted for in FY 2013/14.

Vice Mayor Ramirez moved to approve purchase of two Police administrative vehicles; seconded by Councilor Delgado. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration and action to authorize Mayor to sign September 18, 2013 letter to the League of Arizona Cities and Towns opposing deregulation of electricity in Arizona. (Mayor)

Mayor Mook commented on the background for the letter stating it was discussed extensively at the recent Annual Conference of the League of Cities & Towns. While the matter was recently withdrawn from discussions at the Arizona Corporation Commission, she recommended going on record in opposition in case the matter is revisited in the future.

Councilor Shapera moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the September 18, 2013 letter to the League opposing deregulation of electricity as presented; seconded by Vice Mayor Ramirez. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. CITY MANAGER SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

The City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

City Manager Dr. Isom reported on a number of upcoming events; the free home purchase seminar will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the El Mirage Senior Center from 9 – 10 AM, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life El Mirage event will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 21st and 22nd, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM at Gateway Park, the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta will be held Friday, September 27, 2013 from 5 – 9 PM at the City Civic Plaza, the Electronic Recycling Event will be held Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 8 AM to 12 Noon at the Fire Station Annex, and the Curbside Bulk Trash Event begins September 30th through October 21st. The bus bay cutouts for the Metro bus stops are complete and the bus shelters are expected to be installed by the end of October, 2013. Dr. Isom also introduced the new Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. Jim Wise and the new Police Senior Management Analyst, Sue Stites.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mayor Mook reported that resident Laurie Carnal (present at this meeting) was appointed to and sworn in as a member of the Maricopa Integrated Health System Governing Council on September 4, 2013 for a two-year term. Ms. Carnal was congratulated by the Council for being a representative from the City of El Mirage on this Council.

Councilor Selby stated he was happy to report that the citizens' Neighborhood Revitalization Committee had created the Community Uplift Program (CUP) in partnership with other groups to take applications for home repairs and landscaping cleanup at El Mirage residents needing assistance. The program will run from October

through May. He complimented the committee and especially thanked City liaison Mary Dickson for her assistance in finalizing the CUP organization.

Councilor McPhetres advised he would be attending the upcoming WestMarc Water & Energy committee meeting and was looking forward to a presentation by SW Gas.

Councilor Delgado reported on the success of the 2013 El Mirage Library Summer Reading Program and provided extensive statistics on various age groups. Participation was up in all categories and all 31,985 participants who completed the program received a book in the mail. He further stated he had completed his 2-year term and thanked the Friends of the Library for their active assistance in the Summer Reading Program.

Vice Mayor Ramirez, on behalf of the various Relay for Life committees, thanked the City staff and Council for their help and support in organizing this inaugural event in El Mirage. He also thanked the City and Council for their fundraising efforts and commented that the funds raised to date, far exceeded the committees' expectations. He hoped to see all at the event on the 21st and 22nd of September.

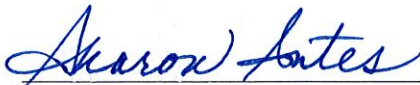
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Mook adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.




Lana Mook, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Antes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate record of the City of El Mirage Regular Council Meeting held September 17, 2013 and a quorum was present.



Sharon Antes, City Clerk